

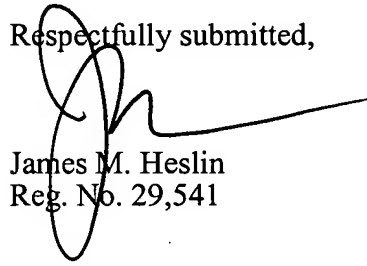
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 and 11 were amended in an Examiner's amendment included with the Notice of Allowance mailed on February 28, 2006. The proposed amendment corrected small errors in the claims. In particular, claim 1 is amended to remove the word "and" from line 2. Presence of the word "and" makes the claim read incorrectly. A similar mistake is corrected in subparagraph (g) of claim 11.

CONCLUSION

Entry of this amendment is respectfully urged since it merely cures a formal defect in one of the claims and does not touch the merits.

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